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Rev. A. A. Phelps,
East Boston,
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Mrs. Mary Phelps,
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Mr Phelps Dr Sir

I think by this time, you will begin to wonder why we do not inform you about your affairs here. My husband, as you know, is not much of a writer & my cares are so numerous that I do not realize how fast time passes away. We could not give you particulars when Lester wrote as Coates had not seen to your interest, & taxes &c. he has since paid the taxes, & interest at the Ecclesiastical fund, & seen Mr Miller, & he wished him to write you that he should be glad of his money, as soon as the first of April. as he has sold his place, & purchased in Southampton Mass. Coates has sold hay to the amount of 25 $, & is to carry away another load to-morrow, & if you wish him to pay over the overplus money to Miller he will do it. & if you wish him to sell the remainder of the hay, & pay it to him soon, he can by carrying it to Unionville there is a ready market. The pasturage will not amount to so much as you probably expect. It was so late before your Brother decided what was best to do with it. that we could not get a sufficient number to put into the summer pasture, & the mowing lots he did not think best to feed, & would not let them out, thinking the crop of hay another year, would more than pay for it. The amount for pasturage, I believe is about 8 $. The part of the orchard above the road, he let out for rye & he has ploughed east of the barn to the woods & put it down to rye & grass. Lesters lot you can do as you please about. I think we shall sell ours between this & spring. for I see no way that we can keep it. & pay the interest. Samuel Bishop will take it at 900. If we should sell we shall like to improve yours on some terms, I do not know but I have told you all I can at present. Please remember us in love to your Mother & all your family. Tell your Mother Lester has sworn himself upon us to keep & I am determined to rid myself of such a burden.

Wishing you much happiness, I am yours Mary L. P.

Deacon Thompson was buried the 8th after an illness of 3 weeks, his death is deeply lamented